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(30) Chapter 4, para. 142. First position stoppage, columns 3, 4 and 5. *Delete* the details under (3) in each column and *substitute* :—

"(3) (i) Top plate rotates, but gun does not fire.

(ii) Stopping is repeated, after changing the breech block.

(3) (i) Defective firing pin or fouling in the firing pin hole in the breech block.

(ii) (a) Weak force of blow due to a weak return spring or sluggish action.

(b) Insufficient protrusion of firing pin.

(3) (i) Remove the magazine. Clear the gun. Change the breech block. Replace the magazine and continue firing.

(ii) (a) Correct maintenance of gun.

(b) Correct gauging and adjustment of firing pin protusion."

(31) Chapter 4, para. 142. Third position stoppage, immediate action D. *Delete* the details in columns 3, 4 and 5, and *substitute* :—

"(1) Gun fires but repeats stoppage.

"(2) Gun fires after changing the breech block, but repeats the stoppage.

(1) Defective extractor or extractor spring.

(2) (i) Dirty chamber.
(ii) Defective or dirty ammunition.

(1) Remove the magazine. Clear the chamber. Change the breech block. Replace the magazine and continue firing.

(2) (i) Correct maintenance of gun.
(ii) Ensure that ammunition is clean when loading magazine."

(32) Chapter 4, para. 142. At the end of the stoppage table *insert* :—

"*Note.*—If the gun develops too high a rate of fire, it may cause certain of the stoppages, due to the breech block racing the magazine. The remedy for this is to keep the small gas escape hole in the gas plug clean."



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